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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: BULANDRA THEATRE

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1. COUNCIL FOR CULTURE AND SOCIALIST EDUCATION'S CONSTANTIN MACIUCA AND THE STAFF OF THE DIRECTORATE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE COUNCIL ALL EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THEY WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THE FUNDS RAISED BY ROSENTHAL DIVERTED FROM THE BULANDRA THEATRE TOUR IF IT MEANT THAT THE THEATRE COULD NOT TRAVEL TO THE U.S. LATER THIS YEAR. THEY PROPOSED THAT, IF AGREEABLE, THESE PARTICULAR FUNDS BE DONATED TOWARD THE REPAIR OF THE DAMAGED THEATERS IN BUCHAREST (INCLUDING THE BULANDRA), BUT THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS BE FOUND FOR A TOUR OF THE BULANDRA TO THE U.S. LATER THIS YEAR IN THE FALL/WINTER. COUNCIL WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THE DIVERSION OF FUNDS JEOPARDIZE THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM EVEN THOUGH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE BULANDRA TO GO TO THE U.S. AT THIS TIME.

2. MACIUCA SAID THE CHIEF BULANDRA ACTOR, TOMA CARAGIU, WHO HAS KEY ROLE IN ELIZABETH I, WAS IN A BUILDING THAT COLLAPSED AND THOUGH HIS BODY HAS NOT YET BEEN FOUND, IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT HE IS DEAD. THIS SAD EVENT PLUS THE FACT THAT

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THE OLD BULANDRA THEATER (IN SCHITU MAGUREANU) WAS HALF DESTROYED AND WILL HAVE TO BE DEMOLISHED MAKES A TRIP OF THE BULANDRA TO THE U.S. AT THIS TIME IMPOSSIBLE.

3. THE SMALLER BULANDRA THEATER STUDIO SITE WAS NOT DAMAGED AND, EXCEPT FOR CARAGIU AND AN UNIDENTIFIED ELECTRICIAN, THE STAFF IS ALL SAFE. OTHER THEATERS BADLY DAMAGED DURING THE QUAKE: TEATRUL

DE OPERATA AND BOTH HALLS OF THE TEATRUL TANDARICA. PLEASE ALSO INFORM CIULEI THAT AMBASSADOR HAS TALKED TO CLODY BERTHOLE AND THAT BOTH SHE AND HELGE ARE SAFE.

4. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT ECONOMICALLY THE BULANDRA THEATER CANNOT

GO TO U.S. AT THIS TIME, THE COUNCIL WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THE TOUR CUT OFF INDEFINITELY AND HOPES TO HAVE SOME ASSURANCES

THAT FUNDS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE LATER ON FOR A U.S. TOUR.

5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT FUNDS ALREADY COLLECTED BE DONTED TO ROMANIA FOR THE REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF DAMAGED THEATRES (PERHAPS SPECIFICALLY FOR THE BULANDRA) AND THAT EITHER ITI OR ACTF WORK ON FINDING MONEY FOR A BULANDRA TOUR LATER THIS YEAR (A POSSIBILITY MENTIONED BY YOUNG TO AMBASSADOR) OR NEXT. WOULD APPRECIATE CU EXPRESSION OF AMBASSADOR'S AND EMBASSY'S SPECIAL THANKS FOR ALL EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF BULANDRA TO MILTON ROSENTHAL, MARTHA COIGNEY, ELLEN STEWART, PAUL FOSTER AND OTHER INVOLVED IN WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SPLENDID TOUR.
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